

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 19 April 2012)

**Proposed
timing for
discussion**

**Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development
Bureau**

1. Ocean Park's Tai Shue Wan Development Project

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on Ocean Park's proposal to develop Tai Shue Wan as a new integrated theme zone comprising an indoor/outdoor waterpark, an ice-skating rink, food & beverage and entertainment facilities, and a carpark.

Second quarter
of 2012
(To be
confirmed)

2. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

With a view to enhancing the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun (LYM) as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area, the Administration plans to consult Members on the proposed LYM Waterfront Enhancement Project in 2012 before seeking funding support from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee.

To be confirmed

3. Policies and measures for tackling anti-competitive activities to ensure a level playing field

Proposed by Mr Ronny TONG at the meeting on 28 November 2011. Mr TONG was concerned about the widely reported incident in which large supermarket chains allegedly forced suppliers of beverage products to withhold their supplies to small retailers which sold these products to consumers at low prices. Panel members opined that there should be policies and measures for dealing with similar incidents and for ensuring a level playing field for large and small firms to conduct their business in Hong Kong. Members considered it necessary to invite the Administration as well as deputations from suppliers, retailers and the Consumer Council to a Panel meeting to give views in this regard.

To be confirmed

4. Overall planning of tourism infrastructures and relevant support measures

At the meeting of the Panel on Development (DEV Panel) on 14 October 2010, Hon Paul TSE cited the effort of the government of Singapore in the recent development of Sentosa into a tourist attraction as an example and commented that the Administration should not rely on the initiatives of the commercial sector for the long-term planning of tourism infrastructures but take the lead in the overall planning of tourism infrastructure in Hong Kong.

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The Chairman of the Panel on Economic Development agreed to include the item in this list as planning of tourism infrastructure is led by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and should be discussed at the Panel on Economic Development.

The Administration has also been requested to report on the progress in developing new tourist attractions and, where appropriate, on measures being taken to address concerns about taxi scams, the operation of the SkyPier and the Security Bureau's Outbound Travel Alert System.

5. Annual Report 2009-2010 of the Competition Policy Advisory Group

On 17 December 2010, the Competition Policy Advisory Group published its 12th annual report which reviewed the complaints received in 2009-2010 and outlined the progress of investigation and follow-up actions taken. Hon Emily LAU suggested to include the item on the list for discussion.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau**6. Proposed enactment of a new regulation under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance and amendments to other existing regulations**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006) to consolidate and update over 60 ILO instruments relating to the working conditions and welfare of seafarers. MLC 2006 is expected to commence operation 12 months after 30 countries have ratified

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it. The Administration proposes to update the relevant local legislation to prepare for the implementation of MLC 2006.

7. Proposed provision of customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) facilities for SkyPier of the Hong Kong International Airport

The Administration originally planned to brief the Panel on the proposal before seeking funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee. In reply to a LegCo question from Hon Abraham SHEK on 9 March 2011, the Administration indicated that after considering the relevant factors, AA has concluded that the provision of the CIQ facilities will not increase the usage of the SkyPier services by transit passengers and it has decided not to pursue the proposal.

To be confirmed

According to the Chairman, there were views in the public that the CIQ facilities should be provided to relieve congestion at the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor. The Administration agreed to revisit this item with the Panel when there were new developments in this regard.

8. Pilot scheme on cross-boundary sailing for pleasure vessels

Proposed by Miss Tanya CHAN and Ms Emily LAU. The Administration agreed to keep members posted of the progress of the scheme, and consult the public and the Panel on the finalized scheme details before its implementation.

To be confirmed

9. Development of a logistics cluster in Kwai Tsing area

Proposed by Ms Miriam LAU at the meeting on 13 October 2011. She was concerned about the progress in developing the cluster as reported in the 2011-2012 Policy Address, which she considered too slow.

10. Proposed amendments to the Scheme of Airport Charges

Proposed by Mr LEE Wing-tat who opined that consideration should be given to improving the Scheme of Airport Charges (the Scheme) with a view to minimizing the noise impact of aircraft on the neighbourhoods of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). When alerted to Mr LEE's request, the Administration

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advised that there was a need to exercise care in introducing amendments to the Scheme lest they would affect Hong Kong's competitiveness as an aviation hub. Moreover, the construction of the third runway, if taken forward, would also help mitigate aircraft noise impact.

11. Implementing the National Twelfth Five-year Plan: Logistics Development

At the meeting on 28 March 2011, Hon Miriam LAU requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the implementation of the National Twelfth Five-year (12-5) Plan, in particular further development of Hong Kong as a shipping centre and logistics hub.

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12. Development of seaplane service and mooring areas for pleasure vessels

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, Hon Albert CHAN requested the Administration to explore and discuss with the Panel the development of seaplane service between Hong Kong and other cities in the region, as well as the provision of more mooring areas for pleasure vessels, having regard to the demand for the facilities and in the light of overseas experiences.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under the Environment Bureau

13. Operation of the local fuel market in a "fast price hike but slow price slash" manner

Proposed by Ms Starry LEE and Mr WONG Ting-kwong at the meeting on 13 October 2011. Mr WONG, in particular, opined that the Administration should examine and explain whether the Competition Bill currently under scrutiny could address concerns in this regard.

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